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Kennedy Accepts Kirk Resignation, To Name Wright

President Kennedy today accepted with "deep regret" the resignation of Admiral Alan Kirk as Ambassador to the Republic of China.

Admiral Jerauld Wright, now on the Board of National Estimates, a senior advisory group in the Central Intelligence Agency, is expected to be named by the President within the next few days to succeed Admiral Kirk in Formosa.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger told reporters today that the name of a new Ambassador has been submitted to the Chinese Nationalist government for approval.

Admiral Kirk, who was praised by the President for the "outstanding manner" in which he had performed his duties since being named Ambassador last year, wrote the President that he was forced to resign because doctors informed him his medical condition would not permit him to return to his post. He is now in the United States.